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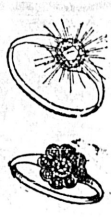
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## Korea Not Belligerent

Russian Authorities Repudiate Intention to Include Kingdom in Enemies.

Pending any Overt Act By the Koreans They are Considered Neutrals.

Every Gun on the Unfortunate Varlag Was Dismounted During Action.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that Russia does not regard Korea as belligerent and will not do so until there is evidence that Korea is actively making common cause with Japan. Russia now considers the Korean government as being under duress and that all its acts are void.

Although no confirmation is obtainable of the Associated Press despatch from Seoul, saying that a Korean official on the Tumen river had received notice that Russia considered Korea as belligerent and would act accordingly, in government circles it is considered quite possible that the Russian command along the Korean border may have warned the Koreans that they must not impede the Russian military operations under pain of being considered belligerent. Even should Korea throw in her lot with Japan and join in the hostilities, Russia would not deign to regard such an ally of Japan as a second power within the frame of the Franco-Russian alliance. The military authorities in the Far East have reported that there is absolutely no truth in the story that Russian troops are occupying the American mining concession at Ussun, Korea, besides that the Russian government has already promised so far as it lies in her power to safeguard American interests should the sphere of operations extend to the American concessions.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The Associated Press most positively that the government at Peking intends not only to observe the strictest neutrality during the war between Russia and Japan but that the government thoroughly realizes the danger threatening the integrity of the Celestial empire, in case it should become embroiled in the conflict. "We are well aware," said a member of the cabinet, "that the eyes of European Powers are watching our every move and we know also what is being said about a general uprising against foreigners should we take sides with Japan. But there will be no chance whatever for our giving the slightest ground for complaints. China can only play one role during the war, namely, that of absolute quiescence. It will not desert, but there is some Japanese feeling among my countrymen; but there is also a great deal of pro-Russian feeling. One neutralizes the other. I know nothing officially concerning China's neutrality, but the reports are doubtless correct. We are not carrying on negotiations with the Russian government here, but I believe that some matters are being discussed at Peking. I see no reason why the fullest agreement should not be reached with Russia. Our position is very clear. We have twenty thousand men guarding our frontier of Manchuria. This force is intended merely to maintain order and to prevent each of the belligerents from entering our territory. The talk of the foreign newspapers about General Ma making common cause with the Japanese is nonsense. Should the Japanese attempt a landing on our coast they would be resisted."

Ambassador McCormick has communicated to the government a memorandum containing the assurance received by the United States Minister at Peking from the Chinese authorities at Peking pledging the neutrality of China while the neutral territory is respected by the belligerents. Satisfaction is expressed here at this new assurance of China's neutrality. The Russians deny that they have any intention of going west of the Liaoh region. The railroad from Peking west of the river from New Chwang to Sin Min Tsin, Russia considers neutral territory and beyond the sphere of operations unless the Japanese invade it.

The Novik of Port Arthur, dated February 22, reached here today. It contains the first consecutive account from a Russian source of the Chemulpo fight and says the Varlag fought till every gun was dismantled. It does not mention the Vicksburg offering succor to the Russians. The same issue contains Vice-Admiral Alexieff's announcement that for military reasons he was going to Manchuria, leaving General Stoessel in command at Port Arthur and Liaoning. The victory's farewell order to the garrison contains previous reports on the subject and says he was convinced they would fight to the last man and repeat the heroic defence of Sebastopol.

### KUROPATKIN'S GREETING.

Telegrams to Commander of Manchurian Army.

Liao Yang, Manchuria, March 17.—General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to General Linvitch, who is here temporarily commanding the Manchurian army, as follows: "I salute you in the midst of the troops which you command. May God assist you to overcome the most arduous portion of your task. I shall be happy to find you at the head of the troops the Emperor has graciously entrusted to me. I trust you will not leave them so long as the principal danger threatens, for the troops have full confidence in you."

General Linvitch was busy inspecting the military posts and newly constructed fortifications in the Korean South Manchuria. The weather is changeable. Snow squalls and severe frosts prevail.

### MURDERED MISSIONARY.

Body Was Found Beside Roadside in Persian Wilderness.

Urmiah, Persia, March 17.—An investigation of the death of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Larabee, the American missionary announced from here March 11th shows that Dr. Larabee, whose son is superintendent of the American mission here, was returning from Kola to Urmiah on horseback accompanied by a servant when both men were found dead by the roadside. Their bodies had been stripped and mutilated and had numerous stabs. The horses and effects of the travelers were missing. Dr. Larabee leaves a widow and four children. Steps have been taken to discover the assassins. Dr. Larabee was one of the best known Presbyterian missionaries in the Asiatic field. He has been stationed in Persia since 1890.

## LANDING AT CHINAMPO

### The London Times Correspondent's Graphic Description of Japanese Army Corp's Brilliant Work in Mid-Winter.

Special Cable to the London Times and Victoria Colonist.

Chi-Nam-Po, Northwestern Korea, March 16, via Steamer Haiman to Wei-Hai-Wei, March 18.—Your correspondent arrived at Ping Yang Inlet late Tuesday, and proceeded around to Chinampo. Navigation is still a trifle difficult and will become worse with the floating ice which will come down from the rivers. The unknown treaty port of Chinampo at present presents an unusual appearance. Where, during the entire twelve months of last year but 243 steamers entered and departed, at present every available foot of safe anchorage is occupied. A fleet of large transports, guarded by a squadron of Japanese warships, are expeditiously discharging their cargoes of living freight. The work of disembarking of troops is exceedingly hazardous, but the manner in which the Japanese overcome difficulties is remarkable. Of course, all necessary appliances were brought with the fleet. A detachment of engineers has built pontoon jetties to an extent of some hundred yards into the bay. In addition the transports carried an adequate number of landing barges, and not a man has been lost in landing the army division here.

The military conditions in northern Korea, so far as can be learned here, appears as follows: The first Japanese troops landed in the peninsula were a small expeditionary army which landed near Hai-Ju and passed forward in a forced march and secured possession of Ping Yang, a few hours before the arrival of a detachment of Russians.

despatched southward from the Yalu for the same purpose. Ping Yang was quickly fortified and a number of mountain guns were placed in position. Soon afterwards the main body of the Japanese, who were landed at Chemulpo, marched northward and reinforced the troops already at Ping Yang. This gave the Japanese commander a force sufficiently strong to guard against any possible Russian strategic movement against either Chemulpo or Seoul. These troops experienced terrible weather, and, despite their heavy winter equipment, suffered terribly. Rain, which started soon after they left Chemulpo, turned to sleet and afterwards to snow, while the temperature fell to far below the zero point.

Despite this terrible handicap, the infantry marched 25 miles a day, each man carrying nearly 100 pounds of ammunition, supplies, etc.

So far as possible the night halts were at Korean villages, but the test was a most thorough one, and proved the contention of the Japanese commander that his men can stand against cold as well as any Russian opposition.

With their front protected by the occupation of Ping Yang, the landing of the troops at Chinampo has proven an easy task. It is reported, however, but not officially confirmed, that a general attack, another strong army is being landed at the only available port on the coast of Northern Korea, north of Wonsen. The location is a

strictly guarded secret, but the force is said to be fully as large as the one that landed at Chemulpo and Chinampo. This army will probably effect a junction with that at Ping Yang and cover the entire country in the northward march, sweeping everything before it. Reports from the front show that the Russians have not attempted any serious stand or opposition. The Japanese advance occupies Anju and the line of the Chong Chong river.

The outposts of both armies are in touch and there is a constant exchange of rifle bullets, but no trustworthy information can be obtained of the "affair."

A Japanese officer here declares a sanguinary encounter took place near Anju, in which both the Japanese and Russians sustained losses. He positively declined, however, to talk of the affair and the commanding general said he had not received any official report and did not expect any soon. None of the duly accredited correspondents had been permitted to proceed more than fifteen miles north of Ping Yang under penalty of forfeiting their credentials, so that it has been impossible to learn how strong the outposts are or how close to the Yalu they extend.

The Japanese have displayed remarkable strategical discernment in their selection of landing places along the coast. Even were they not in command of the sea, the difficulty of navigating the inlets selected would make their defence easy for a small naval force.

## MARQUIS ITO ARRIVES AT SEOUL

Greeted By Delegation of Officials and Military Honors.

Seoul, March 17.—5:35 p. m.—Marquis Ito arrived at Chemulpo today. He was greeted by a delegation of high Korean officials, G. Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Korea, and General Ijichi, commander of the Japanese garrison here, who went to meet him and accompanied him to Seoul. When the special train arrived at Seoul, it was received with military honors. A Korean guard of honor saluted and surrounded the handsome green palanquin in which Marquis Ito was carried to the mansion prepared for him by the Emperor. The route was lined by Japanese troops, who saluted the marquis as he passed. Thousands of Koreans also witnessed his arrival. Marquis Ito will be received by the Korean Emperor on Saturday, March 19th.

## JAPAN'S PROPOSED TOBACCO MONOPOLY

The Present Traders Will Be Paid Usual Consideration For Their Goodwill.

Tokio, March 17.—The proposed law relating to the government tobacco monopoly, if enacted, will go into effect on the first of next July. The manufacture and sale of Japanese cut tobacco will be allowed to continue until April 19. The government proposes to have a stock of machines and plants existing on June 30, next, appraised by joint appraisers. As compensation for the "goodwill" the government proposes to pay the manufacturers and dealers a sum equal to their income for three years as shown by their books, the sum which will be necessary to launch the monopoly has not yet been determined but the government proposes to make a large payment in bonds. It is thought that the new customs duty will be on sugar. Unless the conventional tariffs interfere,

### JURY DISAGREED.

Kansas City, March 17.—The jury in the case of State Senator Jesse L. Jewell, on trial on charge of soliciting a bribe of \$5,000 to influence his vote and that of two other members of the legislature to repeal a baking powder bill, disagreed this afternoon and was discharged.

## AT LAST, SOMETHING DOING!

### The Japanese War Office Advances Special Correspondents to Hold Themselves in Readiness to March.

Special Cable to the London Times and Victoria Colonist.

Tokio, March 18.—At last, the long wait of the correspondents is near an end. Ever since the beginning of the war there has been held in this city by the war department nearly 100 of the brightest newspapermen gathered from every quarter of the world, all anxious to go to the front to view the land operations.

To one and all the reply has invariably been, "Remain here until we are ready for you and then you will be taken care of." Exposition and entreaty were of no avail. The Japanese officers were very courteous, but also very firm, and while they had arranged numerous entertainments for the benefit of their guests, when it came to letting

the latter gain any knowledge of army or navy movements they proved obdurate.

Even when correspondents filed long messages at the cable office telling of war preparations they had then handed back with the statement that they could not be transmitted. It had been generally understood that none of the correspondents who were to be accredited to the Japanese land forces were to be permitted to join until after the first land battle had been fought and a signal victory secured.

It looks now as though this battle was expected to take place within a week, judging by the action of the War Office this afternoon. All of the men who

will compose the first division assigned to the army were sent for and notified to hold themselves to be in readiness to start for the front on either Sunday or Wednesday of next week.

Some of the correspondents were anxious to learn their destinations and addressed several pointed questions to the adjutant-general to whom had been assigned the task of countersigning their credentials. He declined to furnish any information, simply stating that they would be sent for in the order wanted, transferred to a troop train and from that to a transport. When they arrived at their journey's end they were informed they would know their destination and not before.

## WIRINGS FROM WINNIPEG CITY

Japanese Prince en Route West—Roof of a Warehouse Collapses.

Winnipeg, March 17.—Entries for the Dominion exhibition close at the office of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Toronto, May 15.

Prince Nashimoto, of Japan, and party of fourteen military officers and students passed through Winnipeg today. Prince Nashimoto is traveling anonymously as a gentleman under name of Mr. Nagas. He expressed himself as quite confident of the military supremacy of the Japanese over the Russians.

Alex. Calder has been commissioned by the Dominion government to prepare a collection of fauna of Western Canada for the St. Louis exposition. He will make a collection of three hundred

birds from his specimens, he having the largest in Canada.

Rev. J. B. Sileux has resigned as pastor of the Central Congregational church, in view of his decision to accept a call to Lansing, Michigan.

Dr. Carter, prominent in medical circles in Moosemin for twelve years, and district coroner, is dead.

With a terrific crash and splintering of timbers, the roof of the Massey-Harris warehouse on Point Douglas avenue collapsed yesterday morning. Beams forced their way through the front of the building and demolished the glass and frame of the front windows. Fortunately there was no person in the upper portion of the building at the time. The roof was an excellent matchwood by the force of the fall and the sound was heard some distance. The building is a frame structure, two stories in height, built last summer. The roof was an extensive area, and it is thought that the weight of snow on it caused the accident.

The extension of Methodism in Winnipeg this year will involve the expenditure of a quarter of a million dollars. Several new edifices will be built. Today's train from the East consisted of 25 coaches, in three sections. Four hundred immigrants arrived on Wednesday.

## NEW LIGHTS ON THE PREFERENCE

Speeches of Canadians at the Empire League Meeting Pleases British.

London, March 17.—The speeches of Mr. Tarte and Sir McKenzie Bowell and Sir William Mulock at the British Empire League meeting are commented on with greater satisfaction as together affording clear evidence of Canada's national desire for imperial reciprocity. Such statements from both sides of Canadian politics together with the Dominion statisticians' evidence as to the benefits of the Canadian preference to British manufacturers, which the Duke of Argyll has just published, are putting the colonial aspects of preference in an entirely new and favorable light before the British people. It is still expressed that Canadian parliament will make Canada's national attitude quite clear by such non-party resolutions as Sir McKenzie Bowell proposed at the British Empire League meeting.

## St. Patrick's Day in England

Queen Alexandra Makes Usual Presentation to the Irish Guards.

John Redmond and His Banqueters Receive Congratulations From Fenians.

Home Rule to Be the Watch Word For Electors in Next Contest.

London, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day was little observed in England. Few flags were flown and there was little demand for shamrocks. Queen Alexandra made her customary visit to the Irish guards, each man was presented with a sprig on parade this morning at Aldershot. In Ireland the day was generally observed as a holiday and business was suspended. The Lord Mayor's procession, which occurred in a heavy rain, was the feature of attraction in Dublin.

A banquet was held at the Hotel Cecil tonight presided over by John Redmond, the Irish leader and attended by the members of the Nationalist party in the House of Commons and prominent Irishmen in London, when the following cablegram from the United Irish League of America was read: "The United Irish League of America clasps hands with our kindred at home and in the enemy's countries on this national holiday. God save Ireland!"

John Redmond, proposing the toast of "Ireland a nation," said the opportunity for which they had waited for so many long and weary years, had almost arrived, the opportunity for Ireland to be the deciding factor in the making of a new world. From a majority of 150 hostile to Ireland, they had wrested the great measure of the Irish land purchase act. Their eyes were turned to the political interest to Ireland was approaching. The coming general election would witness the defeat of the Unionist government.

Mr. Redmond urged the Irish voters in Great Britain at the next election to put the question of home rule above everything else. He said that the future depended upon the power and unity of the Irish party in parliament.

Montreal, March 17.—Ideal weather conditions prevailed in Eastern Canada today for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Services were held in the principal Irish Roman Catholic churches. The patriotic entertainments are being held.

### A TEXAS TORNADO.

Dallas, Texas, March 17.—A tornado struck the village of Vero, some twenty miles north of here today, demolishing a number of houses and doing much damage to property. One person was killed. Wires to that point are prostrated and railway traffic is delayed.

### SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIANS.

Chinese Magistrates Refuse Permission to Natives to Sell Powder.

Peking, March 17.—Russian commissariat officers have applied to Chinese railway officials at Hain-Min-Tun for permission to store their arms and transportation of troops and stores. The officials have replied that the matter presents many difficulties and that they must refer the application to the authorities at Peking. Some questions were also asked regarding the possibility of purchasing fodder and other supplies for transportation purposes, would the railway be reliable. Native agents of the Russo-Chinese bank at Mukden have also approached the railroad officials upon the subject.

The magistrates at Chin Chou will not allow the natives to sell supplies of any kind to the Russians.

The Japanese authorities here state that a land engagement of any magnitude is not likely before another month. A military attaché here considers the mechanical mines laid by the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur sufficient to prevent the Russian fleet from leaving the harbor.

## NEWS NOTES FROM EASTERN CANADA

Presbyterian Church Votes the Funds For B. C. Missions—Other Happenings.

Toronto, March 17.—The augmentation committee of the Presbyterian church of Canada yesterday voted the following amounts to British Columbia churches: Kootenay, \$600; Kamloops, \$500; Westminster, \$500. The proposed increases in pastor's salaries was left to a committee, which will confer with the mission executives.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario A. O. U. W. yesterday decided to admit women and also decided to inaugurate a sick benefit fund.

### SAWMILL DESTROYED.

Plattsville, Ont., March 17.—Fire last night destroyed the warehouse and furniture factory and sawmill of Baird Bros. Loss, \$80,000; insurance unknown. The general store and bank and Bank's barber shop were badly damaged.

### CHURCH BURNED.

Guelph, March 17.—Knox Presbyterian church was destroyed by fire last night.

### CORPSE RECOVERED.

Kingston, March 17.—A message from Odesa says the body of Nebosh Perry, 70 years of age, who disappeared December 1st last, was found in the woods yesterday. The body was found in an upright position against a tree with a piece of binder twice around the neck. The eyes were eaten out and the face partly consumed by squirrels or birds.

### DEFAULTER ARRESTED.

Chatham, March 17.—Al. Chamberlain, ex-deputy treasurer of Kent county, was arrested in Detroit yesterday. He is charged with embezzling over \$20,000 while treasurer of Kent and also with committing forgery. He was arrested once before, but no evidence was offered and he was released, his friends having paid back \$3,000 to the county at that time. Chamberlain is a powerful man at present at the face of a resolution of the county council not to go to the expense of extrajudicially punishing him.



## Mr. Bourassa Makes a Fuss

Objects to Union Jack Flying  
on the Parliament  
Buildings.

Sir Frederick Borden Introduces  
His Amendments to Militia  
Act.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 17.—Mr. Bourassa raised a fuss today because the Union Jack was flying on the Parliament building and wanted to know the reason it replaced the red ensign. Premier Laurier said he could not gratify the fastidious curiosity of Mr. Bourassa. Hon. Mr. Sutherland explained that the Dominion flag was recognized only for the Canadian merchant marine. The Union Jack was the proper flag for public buildings.

Hon. Mr. Sifton said the Yukon hydraulic report has not yet been presented to the government.

Mr. Roche was informed that the government has no advice of the location of the Grand Trunk Pacific west of Winnipeg yet.

Sir Frederick Borden introduced a bill to amend the militia act regulating the appointment of the officer to command the militia. It gives Canadian officers status over the Imperial officers in Canada when the former is senior in rank. An increase in the permanent force to 2,000 men and an increased pay of the force all around is also asked for, and provides for the extension of the cadet system and that the permanent force should preferably be called out in aid of the civil power. Mr. Hughes objected to the latter provision and also the severing of the link with the Imperial army in the appointment of the G. O. C's, otherwise he warmly approved the measure.

The Japanese Diet have authorized the transfer of Hon. Mr. Nosse from Montreal to Ottawa.

A trade and labor delegation will see the government with the view to protecting the men on the new transcontinental railway from the hardships endured on the Crow's Nest line during construction.

## A REMARKABLE NAVAL MANOEUVRE

Proposal That Russia's Eastern  
Fleet Should Join Ships in  
Baltic.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON  
TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

Moscow, March 18.—There is a sensational rumor current in Russian naval circles to the effect that the Russian Siberian squadron, under the command of Flag Captain Reizenstein, for which Japanese squadrons have been searching since it escaped from Vladivostok harbor, is no longer in the North Pacific, but is already well on its way back to Russian waters for the purpose of effecting a junction with the Baltic fleet and thus forming an almost impregnable squadron. It is stated that the usefulness of Russian warships in the Far East is at an end for the time being and that, therefore, it would be strategy to withdraw them to combine with Russia's effective fighting ships in a body and then send the fleet to Japanese waters to contest the supremacy of the sea. The question of control on the sea, the Japanese journey while Giffault is declared to be by no means impossible. There is no way of securing a confirmation of the rumor.

LOUISIANA HAILSTORM.

New Orleans, La., March 17.—The heaviest hailstorm on record, followed by terrific rain, did much damage here today. Storm clouds loaded and roared down in the hail and water on the Southern Express Company's building tore a hole in the roof and nearly wrecked the structure.

CALLED HIS BLUFF.

Nervy Bank President Captures a Bold  
Would-Be Robber.

Albert-Le, Minn., March 17.—A big pistol instead of money is what President Freeman of the Security National Bank pulled out of the cashier's drawer today when a man entered the bank, showed a revolver through the window and demanded all the cash in reach. Mr. Freeman, who was alone at the time, held the would-be robber safe until help arrived. The highwayman is now in jail, but refuses to give his name.

## SHORE RIGHTS RELINQUISHED

A Treaty Between France and  
Great Britain Satisfies  
Newfoundland.

Paris, March 17.—It is asserted positively in authoritative quarters that the agreement between France and Great Britain concerning Newfoundland has been concluded. The officials say the negotiations relative to Morocco, Egypt and Siam are progressing in such a satisfactory manner as to promise an early conclusion similar to those in the case of Newfoundland. The differences over Newfoundland are of long-standing. Great Britain claiming that the French right to occupy a strip of Newfoundland without payment of taxes and without being subject to Newfoundland laws has prevented the proper exercise of provincial authority. It is understood that the French territorial rights are relinquished, but the rights of "off shore" fishing are retained, thus permitting Newfoundland to exercise authority throughout the island.

Concerning Morocco it is expected that the negotiations will result in giving France a free hand in Northwest Africa, thus permitting the development and extension of the French colonial empire westward from Algeria. Much significance is being attached to the settlement of these differences at the present time, and it is considered to be a practical realization of the friendship established under the pale of the French arbitration treaty, and also as an assurance that the Russo-Japanese war has not had the effect of disturbing the relations between the allies of the two belligerents.

W. D. STEAD'S DESERTS.

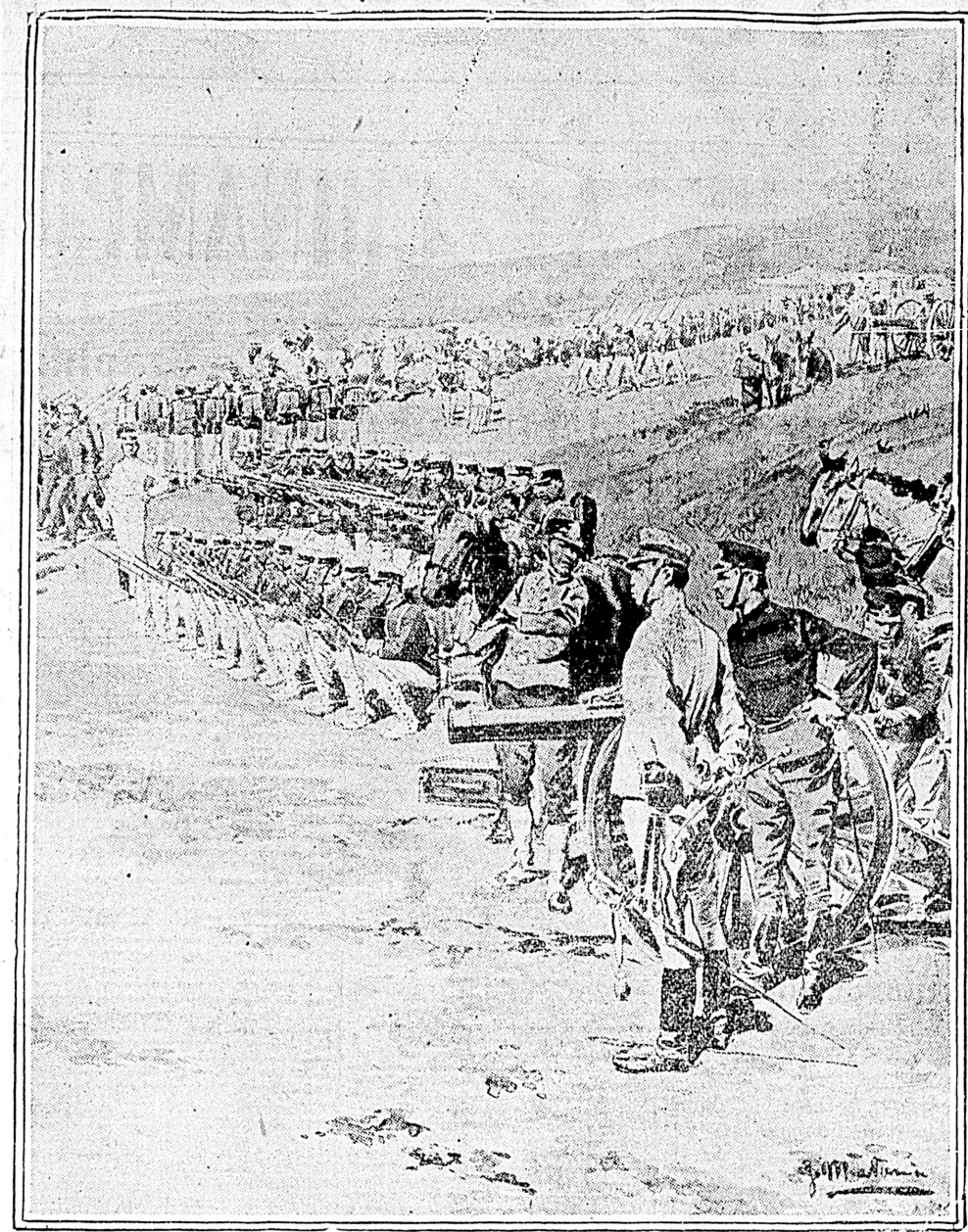
Lord Milner Refuses Him Permit to  
Travel in South Africa.

Cape Town, March 17.—Lord Milner, lord high commissioner South Africa, has cancelled the permit granted to W. D. Stead, the well-known English writer, to travel in South Africa, owing to the character of the speech recently delivered by Mr. Stead.

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## JAPANESE ARMY MANOEUVRES.



## Yalu Recrossed By the Russians

Continued Retreat Before Out-  
posts of the Japanese  
Army.

Vladivostok Fleet Reported to  
Have Returned to Port  
Empty Handed.

London, March 18.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo, who has just visited Chinnampo, Korea, says: "On the way to Chinnampo we passed a constant succession of Japanese transports. Three thousand Japanese landed at Chinnampo at the end of last week."

The correspondent adds that the Russians are retreating across the Yalu river before the advance of the Japanese outposts, and that their force in this district number 20,000.

The Daily Mail Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent learns that Viscount Aoko formerly Japanese minister to Germany, is going to Seoul to establish practically a Japanese administration for Korea.

Under date of March 17th the Chefoo correspondent of the Standard reports that provision trains are arriving hourly at Port Arthur, the railway being intact.

The Daily Telegraph's Tokyo correspondent, cabling March 17th, asserts that the Russian fleet has returned to Port Arthur. If this is correct, the correspondent adds, as is evident from Rear Admiral Baron von Stackelberg's report the Russian cruisers, which left Vladivostok, returned to that port without an attempt having been made to unite the fleets or if an attempt was made, it was unsuccessful.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, cabling under yesterday's date, asserts that a portion of the Russian fleet have made several cruises within a radius of fifty miles of Port Arthur without finding any trace of the enemy.

London papers also have vague rumors of alleged movements of the opposing forces in the vicinity of the Yalu river.

It is stated that the Russians are again negotiating for the purchase of Welsh coal, and it is reported from Hamburg that Russia is trying to place contracts with German shipyards for several new torpedo boat destroyers to be delivered under yesterday's date.

According to a despatch from Antwerp to the Daily Telegraph, Russia has acquired twenty large Antwerp transport steamers and has insured each of them for \$250,000.

A Tokyo correspondent of the London edition of the Times says that Russian troops are now separated from the Japanese scouts are now separated by the River Chong Chong, just north of Anju. The correspondent adds that the foreign correspondents will leave for the front March 20th or 23rd, but their destination is still unknown.

Blue's correspondent at Wei-Hai-Wei, cabling under yesterday's date, says: "I arrived at Ping Yang inlet March 15th and proceeded to Chinnampo. Navigation was difficult owing to the drift ice. I found anchored there both war vessels and transports. Disembarkation has been difficult, but the Japanese have brought all necessary appliances." The correspondent describes the landing movements and the despatch of the forces with some detail, and says: "Despite the terrible weather the infantry marched 25 miles daily, each man carrying nearly one hundred pounds. It was a severe test. A larger force is now disembarking within easier distance of the Japanese objective, while preparations are reported to be proceeding at the only practicable port on the east coast of Korea. The Japanese are now holding Anju, the line of the Chong Chong river. The actual land front points to a further retirement of the Russian forces."

Seoul, March 17, 4:30 p.m.—The Japanese authorities have been advised that part of the Russian cavalry in northern

Korea has recrossed the Yalu river and that a Cossack battery has also withdrawn. A small Russian force still occupies Chong Ju.

Five thousand engineers are now employed in the building of the military road from Seoul to Wiju. Only a few miles have been completed. Civilians are working on the railroad from Seoul to Sinui. The road cannot be completed before next October.

DEMIGRANT REPORT.

New Chwang, March 17.—The foreign managers of the Shan Hai Kwan-New Chwang railway deplore the baseness and sensational reports to the effect that the line between Kuang Chang Tsu and New Chwang is about to be abandoned, and also that a train is in readiness to convey the New Chwang staff to Kuang Chang Tsu.

EVIDENCE FAVORS ACCUSED.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 17.—By means of a powerful magnifying glass, it was discovered today that the box of poisoned candy sent to Miss Rena Nelson at Pierre, S. D., does not bear the Boone, Ia., postmark. The discovery will have a tendency to prove the innocence of Mrs. Sherwood Dye, who has been accused of sending the fatal package.

## Gen. Kuropatkin Draws Long Bow

Will Have Nearly Quarter of a  
Million Men Near Harbin  
Today.

General Dragomiroff With Reser-  
vations Outlines Japan's  
Difficulties.

Paris, March 18.—A St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that General Kuropatkin telegraphs that he has passed Onsk, and adds that tomorrow there will be 230,000 Russian troops concentrated between Harbin and Port Arthur. The same correspondent has interviewed General Dragomiroff, ex-governor-general of Kiev, and later a member of the council of state, who, while making reservation owing to his personal ignorance of the locations in the theatre of war, gave the following conclusions at which he arrived: "The Japanese will be much hampered by the necessity of making an invasion by sea. Sea crossings are always disastrous to cavalry, which is the weak point of the Japanese troops. Moreover, the Japanese will need in Korea conveyances drawn by horses, to which they have been unaccustomed. The Japanese will not be able to drop from the Korean coast, as they must remain near their ships."

The general added that the Russians must watch the Yalu river, which is liable to sudden floods, and which it would be useless to cross if they could not return. It is essential, he said, to have a strong bridge fortified on the side which the Japanese are.

FORGED CHECKS.

Port William, March 17.—A man known as J. C. Chislie on Saturday last forged a time cheque on the Pigeon River Lumber Company for \$248 and had it cashed by Rutledge & Jackson. Another cheque for \$100 was cashed by the Shellgrove-Waddington Company. The police believe Chislie has victimized merchants in Port William and Port Arthur to the extent of \$300. He left Port William on Saturday last and is believed to have gone to Minneapolis.

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## Duke Of Cambridge Passes Away

Aged Warrior and Former Com-  
mander in Chief Died  
Yesterday.

End Came Peacefully at Glou-  
cester House—A Notable  
Character.

London, March 17.—The Duke of Cambridge died at 10:35 o'clock this morning. He passed away peacefully at Gloucester House.

The aged Duke had been confined to his house for some weeks, but, until compelled to take to his bed, he was about with his accustomed activity, being, as was his custom, a constant attendant at functions of a national or charitable character. At the most recent of these it was obvious that the Duke was becoming exceedingly feeble. He rested a somewhat pathetic figure as leaning heavily on the arm of one of his sons, he advanced with faltering steps to address a gathering in aid of some patriotic movement. When it was announced a month ago that the Duke was obliged to forego his annual visit to the South of France it was recognized that his chances of recovery were slight.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra had been constant visitors to the sick room, while the Duke's sons, Admiral and Colonel FitzGeorge, were almost incessantly at his bedside.

H. R. H. George William Frederick Charles, Duke of Cambridge, son of Adolphus Frederick, the first duke, grandson of King George III., and first cousin of the late Queen Victoria, was born at Hanover, March 26, 1819, and succeeded his father July 8, 1850. He became a colonel in the army November 3, 1857; was advanced to the rank of major-general in 1865, to that of lieutenant-general in 1874, when he was appointed to command the two brigades of Highlanders and Guards, united to form the first division of the army sent in aid of Turkey against the Emperor of Russia, and was promoted to the rank of general in 1886. In 1891 he was appointed colonel of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, and was promoted to the rank of field marshal November 9, 1892. His Royal Highness was successively colonel of the 17th Light Dragoons, of the Scots Fusilier Guards, and, on the death of the late Prince Consort, of the Grenadier Guards. At the battle of Alma His Royal Highness led his division into action in a manner that won the confidence of his men and the respect of the veteran officers with whom he served.

He was actively engaged and had a horse shot under him. Shortly after this in consequence of impaired health, he was ordered by the medical authorities to Malta, whence, his health still failing, he was directed to return to England. At a later period His Royal Highness gave the results of his campaign experience in evidence before the committee of the House of Commons, appointed to investigate the manner in which the war had been conducted. On the resignation of Viscount Hardinge in 1856 the Duke of Cambridge was appointed to succeed him as commander-in-chief.

The Duke retired from the command of the army on November 1, 1895, and was succeeded by Lord Wolseley.

NOTES OF THE WAR.

Tokio, March 17.—General S. P. Hamilton, of the British army in India, arrived here today. He will accompany the Japanese forces as a military observer.

Port Arthur, March 17.—A letter from there consists of 2,500 men.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE.

Kief, March 17.—The management of the Southwestern railway has decided to organize a special train to convey the Manchurian sick to the interior of Russia.

TRANSPORT RETURNED.

Odessa, March 17.—The steamer Kila, which left for the Far East with supplies, has safely returned, though the vessel failed to deliver its cargo.

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Boys' 3pc. and 4pc. All-Wool Ribbed Worsteds Stockings	25c pair
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### Chinese Drifting Into Trouble

### Russian Fear Japanese Landing at New Chwang and Add to Garrison.

### Lack of Restraint in Abandoned Chinese Territory Will Cause Clash.

New Chwang, March 17.—Patriarchal General Linvitch after a survey of New Chwang and its defences yesterday returned to his command at Liao Yang. He also visited Kaichou and points effecting the protection of the coast and the holding of the weak zone along the main line of the railway opposite New Chwang. Although disclaiming any apprehension of the Japanese landing here the authorities are satisfied to have foreigners understand that the Russians are prepared for any local emergency, and the arrival of an additional battery of artillery and 150 scouts today is significant.

It is apparent that both civil and military strategists and the diplomats at Mukden apprehend a collision with the Chinese, probably feeling that the inspiring numbers of their small bands of scouts operating between the Liao river and the Great Wall are the surest instruments for their entanglement in a conflict, particularly as the nature of a Russo-Chinese war on account of having been abandoned by the powers and also because the Chinese jurisdiction is incompetent. Russians are able to judge of the Russian position of Russia and China.

### NO ALLIANCE.

Buenos Ayres, March 17.—The government has categorically denied the statement published that an alliance has been formed of South American republics against the United States.

### EASTER EGGS FOR RUSSIAN SAILORS

### Wife of Grand Duke Constantine Makes Thoughtful Gift to Mariners.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—A correspondent of the Novosti at Vladivostok writes under the date of February 23, says that the cost of living there is high now from the action of the municipality in fixing the price of necessities. The correspondent describes the panic which prevailed in the city after the declaration of war, and says that all the institutions of learning were closed.

The wife of Grand Duke Constantine is preparing 17,000 Easter eggs for the Russian navy. Each egg will contain a portrait of the Emperor, a book, soap and towel, a tobacco pouch, note paper, etc., wrapped in a handkerchief. The eggs will be sent to the Far East next week in order to arrive there in due season.

A bureau will be established here to give information to relatives of Japanese prisoners and to undertake the delivery of letters, and the safekeeping, until captured, of effects and letters found on the battlefield or in the hands of prisoners.

### NEWS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY

### Lieutenant Appointed to the Egeria—Capt. Simpson's New Office.

London, March 2.—Captain Cortright H. Simpson, on promotion to that rank recently gave up the command of the survey vessel Egeria at Vancouver Island has been appointed naval assistant to the Hydrographer, a post for which he is eminently fitted.

The first-class cruiser St. George, which is being refitted at Belfast, will be shortly commissioned as flagship of the South Atlantic squadron. The cruiser St. George, which for the past two months has been cruising and manœuvring in the West Indies, is due to arrive home about the 1st of April.

This week some 500 artillery and infantry will leave England to join the Canadian and battalions in the Far East. Additional stores of shot and shell and other warlike stores are being despatched to the same destination.

The army for 1904 is fixed at 227,000 men at a cost of £28,000,000, a reduction of £5,000,000. This shows a decrease of 8,761 men compared with the estimates of 1903-04. The three regiments of foot guards are to be reduced by 97 men, and each of which there are ten, and each infantry battalion on the home establishment is to be reduced by some 50 men, and the reduction in the militia reserve and other depots is expected to result in a saving of £1,500,000. The costly garrison of South Africa is to be reduced to 21,500 men, consisting of four cavalry regiments, fourteen batteries of artillery, six companies Royal Engineers, two companies Royal Garrison Artillery, ten companies of the Buffs, and four battalions of the Royal Garrison regiment at a cost of £1,350,000 per annum. The field artillery numbering 157 batteries is to be reduced by 100, and the cavalry and mounted infantry at a cost of £3,150,000, spread over the interval between now and March, 1907. For the first time in a long period the war office has a practically balanced budget. The Light Horse is to be reduced by 100 men, and the Cavalry is to be reduced by 100 men.

Lieutenant George E. Nares, from the surveying ship Research, has been posted to the Egeria at Esquimaut. Lieutenant Nares joined the naval service a little over seventeen years ago, and served in the present rank in April, 1890. He holds a navigation certificate and is qualified to take charge of a first-class ship.

At a meeting of the Mothers' Club took place on Wednesday afternoon in the St. James' schoolhouse, the subject for discussion being "Obedience and Truthfulness."

Mrs. Jones read a most interesting paper on how to train the child to life of honesty and truthfulness, and during the afternoon the subject was thoroughly discussed.

A discussion arose regarding the article of Bishop Mills on Women's Clubs and several ladies present brought up the question as to whether their influence was beneficial or hurtful to the members. The matter was laid over till the next meeting for further discussion.

The club will meet again on the first Wednesday in April when the subject for the day will be "What is to be done for our children in the future."

### MOTHER'S CLUB.

A well attended meeting of the Mothers' Club took place on Wednesday afternoon in the St. James' schoolhouse, the subject for discussion being "Obedience and Truthfulness."

### HOSPITAL BOARD IN A DILEMMA

### Concerned About What to Do With Large Number of Chronic Patients.

A matter which is giving the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital grave concern at the present time is the large number of chronic patients at the institution. Quite a number of the inmates at the present time are persons suffering from incurable maladies and the list is being continually added to, in the nature of a chronic disease, and the directors are in a dilemma as to what to do with them. This question was discussed informally at last evening's regular monthly meeting of the board, but no special line of action was determined upon. Dr. Hasel gave it his opinion that an infirmary was badly needed.

President R. S. Day presided, and the other members present were Messrs. Wilson, Brannan, Porman, Pemberton, Lewis, Humphrey, James and Dr. Hasel.

The secretary of the Royal Inland hospital at Kamloops asked if nurses granted certificates on being examined as probationers at the Jubilee hospital. After some discussion it was decided to reply that the nurses may at the pleasure of the directors be examined, but they must have certificates from their own hospital.

Arrangements for placing fire insurance on the Strathcona wing was made with the local representatives of insurance companies.

The doctor's report showed the number of patients admitted during the month to be 87; number treated 141; total days' stay, 1,018; total daily average, 55.23.

The house committee reported as follows: "The floor of the small operating room having become worn we instructed that it be renewed by the handy man. Your committee, with the president, have gone very fully into the question of a fireproof vault, and have let the contract to Mr. Thomas Catterall for the sum of \$407." This was adopted.

The matron and the steward reported having received donations from Mr. H. D. Helmcken, T. M. Roff, Mrs. LeVeer French, of Saanich, the Royal Cafe and others.

The finance committee reported having met at the hospital at 4:30 p. m. on Wednesday, March 16th. Accounts for February amounting to \$1,807.67 were examined and approved for payment. The salaries for the same month, amounting to \$880.13 were paid on the date. The total day's stay for February was 1,018 and the salaries paid and accounts payable give an average per diem cost per patient of \$1.65. Adopted.

The tender of George Murray for doing certain sewerage extension work was accepted, his figure being \$138.

The board then adjourned.

### Local News.

Foresters' Dance.—The regular dance of the Foresters was held last evening at the St. James' hall, and was a most successful affair.

Meeting of Fifth Regiment.—The annual meeting of the Fifth Regiment, held in the Drill hall next Wednesday evening. At this meeting the programme for the ensuing season will be considered. All interested in rifle shooting should attend this meeting.

Benefit Concert.—The committee of the A. O. U. W. who have in hand the preparation of the programme for a concert and dance to be given in aid of the funds of the convalescent home on Easter Monday evening, met last night and reported that arrangements were being satisfactorily completed for the event.

Work at James Bay.—The tramway rails for the new permanent roadway across James Bay were last evening lowered two-thirds of the way over the bridge, the old plank being torn up and the new rails being laid down. Vehicular traffic is now directed across the space between the bridge and the retaining wall, and traffic is thus not impeded while the work is in progress.

More Train Cars.—The cars of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company at New Westminster are a busy scene at present, and two handsome new coaches will be turned out in a few days. The first of these will be named "Langley" and the second will be one to replace the coach "Vancouver" which was destroyed by fire in the Terminal City depot several weeks ago. These new cars are splendid pieces of workmanship and each one is costing in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Sergeants' Entertainment.—Last evening at the Drill hall the sergeants of the Fifth Regiment, entertained the sergeant majors and sergeants from Work Point barracks. A most enjoyable time was spent by all present. Dancing was engaged in till 12 o'clock, the music, supplied by the Fifth Regiment band, being of the best. Those who did not dance amused themselves with the various games of ping-pong, Badminton, etc. Refreshments were served during the evening. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting, and those in charge deserve great credit for pulling off one of the merriest evenings that had been held in the Drill hall for many a day.

Mrs. Burgess—I don't feel at all comfortable in these new shoes.

Mr. Burgess—What's the matter? Don't they hurt?—Modern Society.

### Celebration of St. Patrick's Day

### How Local Irishmen Observed the Day of Their Patron Saint.

### Gave Splendid Concert in the Evening at the Institute Hall.

Yesterday being St. Patrick's Day Irishmen and would-be Irishmen sported ribbons of green and bouquets of shamrock and the feature of the evening was a splendid concert in the Institute Hall.

High mass was celebrated in the morning at St. Andrew's (R. C.) Cathedral, and in the evening a splendid social reunion was held at the Institute hall on View street, at which a large audience attended. The feature of the evening was a splendid oration by Mr. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., on the history of Ireland.

The musical portion of the programme was well sustained. Miss Eva LeBlanc's recitation and her dialogue with Miss Rita McDonald were well received. Miss Alice Hickey recited "The Shamrock and the Maple Leaf," Miss Mary O'Keefe sang "Kathleen Mavourneen," and Miss Emma Schell gave "Killarney," both numbers being very much enjoyed.

The solo and chorus of 10 little girls dressed in white with green silk waist bands was very much enjoyed and very much enjoyed. The song chosen was "Come Back to Erin."

Mr. McPhillips' speech was deeply interesting and was of great historic value and the oration was carefully listened to and much enjoyed by all present.

### COTILLION CLUB.

Successful Dance Marks Anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint.

The Cotillion Club held another very successful meeting last evening at Alexandra College hall, the attendance being large, all thoroughly enjoying the different figures as they were presented.

The cotillion opened with a Japanese Polonaise, the room being decorated, the gentlemen carrying lighted lanterns and the ladies fans and umbrellas, making a picture of a Japanese street scene. The cotillion was very much enjoyed and called for some very funny situations. Shamrocks were presented as favors.

Those followed the mirror pursuit, ladies' oracle, cushion race, and the partner and mayo figures. The skirt dance, as a solo by Mrs. Lester, was very gracefully performed, and called forth hearty applause.

The cotillion will be a favorite source of amusement in Victoria has been well proven, and Mrs. Lester is to be congratulated upon her progress in introducing so delightful a feature into the cotillion.

The meeting of the club will be on Tuesday instead of Thursday, of the coming week.

### A CONFERENCE RE FISHERIES

### To Arrange the Construction of Fish Ladder at Quesnel Lake.

Representatives of the Dominion and Provincial governments are to meet this week in Victoria to settle upon a scheme for the construction of a fish ladder at Quesnel Lake, to enter Quesnel Lake and reach the spawning area afforded by that body of water and its feeders, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. The conference will be held at Quesnel, B. C., on Monday, March 22nd, and will be presided over by the Dominion Fisheries Commissioner.

This matter has repeatedly come up since the dam was built at the outlet of Quesnel Lake. Mr. Babcock is of the opinion that Quesnel Lake is a natural spawning area for the sockeye salmon in the Fraser river district. It is regarded as a specially favorable place, as no Indians come to the lake for the curing of salmon.

When the dam was constructed no fishway was provided. This was remedied later on by putting in one which is considered to be entirely inadequate for the purpose, being only 11x10 inches in its opening.

It is urged against it that the entrance is too far away from the face to be reached by the fish. Those interested in the industry have endeavored to have this rectified, and made representations to the provincial government a few months ago. The Consolidated Hydraulic Company, expressed himself as only too ready to co-operate in overcoming the difficulty. The provincial government, however, was not willing to undertake the putting in of a new fish-ladder, taking the ground that the Dominion government, which collected the license, should do the work. After some negotiations between the two authorities, it was agreed that the fishway should be constructed by the Dominion government, the amount expended to be kept out of the province when a final settlement of the fishery matter was made.

### FATAL SEIZURE.

"Here's a story of a man who was buried alive."

"My, my! Must be a long funeral service over him, on ferget that wake up!"—Rocky Mountain News.

### NEUTRAL MISTAKE.

Mr. Chugwater—What are you coughing and sneezing about?

Mrs. Chugwater (busy with the morning paper)—I'm not coughing and sneezing. I am trying to read this despatch from Port Arthur.—Chicago Tribune.

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### PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

A Number of Minor Appointments—Companies Incorporated.

Notice of the following appointments is contained in this week's issue of the Provincial Gazette: To be justices of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia: Harry S. Jefferson, of Kelowna; Fred. Edick William Swain, of Michel; Edward Elbas Charleson, of Hazelton.

Edwin James Clayton, of Marysville, postmaster, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia. Dr. Arthur P. Proctor, of Kamloops, to be medical officer of the Provincial Home.

James Maitland Donaghy, of Duncan, to be district registrar of births, deaths and marriages for Cowichan district.

The resignation of Geo. B. Beardswell, M. L. C. S., of the office of resident physician at Deanna Island, has been accepted.

Notice of the incorporation of the following companies is given: The Pacific Coast Logging Company, Limited, with a capital of \$100,000, to carry on the business of logging and sawmilling; the Water Supply Company, Limited, has been incorporated under the Water Companies Consolidation Act for the supplying of water for Cranbrook; the Ferguson Mines, Limited, with a capital of \$400,000.

The name of the Palace Clothing House Company, Limited, has been changed to the Kilroy-Morgan Company.

### DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

Long Suffering Husband—Isn't that the way you paid \$250 for?

Extravagant Wife—Yes, it pays to buy the best. I've worn it twice already and it is almost as good as new.—Woman's Home Companion.

### Reminiscences Of the Duke

### Memorable Incident in Career of Late Commander-in-Chief.

How a Canadian Newspaperman Interviewed His Royal Highness.

One afternoon, late in October, 1895, the second battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, the famous old 92nd, was drawn up in hollow square in the centre of the parade ground at Marlborough Barracks, Glasgow. It was a bitter Scots autumn day, and the wind came with a doleful sigh round the angles of the gloomy stone piles of the barracks buildings, and swept the chilling sleet across the parade yard, full of the faces of the soldiers, who stood at ease in parade order waiting for His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, to come out from the officers' quarters, where he had luncheon with Colonel the Hon. John Scott Napier (of Kandahar march fame), and the Gordons' officers—to address this crack corps for the last time in his capacity of Commander-in-Chief.

Thanks to the kindly efforts of Sergeant Major Robertson, (now Lieutenant and V. C.) for his gallantry at Elendia (sic) the press representatives were safely ensconced behind the files at the closed end of the square, facing the Duke's quarters. His Royal Highness would address his remarks to the battalion. At last he came out, surrounded by his brilliantly-uniformed officers of the staff, and the Gordons' officers, who advanced slowly to the colors borne by the color party drawn up in the centre of the square.

Like muffled thunder Colonel Napier's order of attention spread forth and echoed by every subaltern, while the men straightened up and gazed silently at the tall, stout old man with the ruddy face and white hair, who began in accents hardly audible in the gusty wind, to address them.

He spoke of the Gordons' glorious record in many lands; how the torrid sands of Egypt and the vine-clad slopes of Spain had drunk that precious blood of the bravest of the brave; how they had faced the veterans of Napoleon at bloody Waterloo, and suffered the charge through their own ranks of the eager Scots Greys, plunging in a wild and terrible mass fall at the staggering French line, and too intent upon their business to notice that it was clean through the Gordons they were carrying till they heard the laughter and the shouts in the Scottish Doodle to "cease firing!"

Then he turned to the grave matter of army reform and management, and made his celebrated assertion that "the British Army must be modelled immediately upon the German pattern or the British people must prepare for disaster and disappointment." (Prophetic words!) His not-taking for the Scottish press could hardly believe our ears, but there were our stenographic biographies to the effect I have quoted. And the veteran commander went on to say that while he laid down the command of the British Army with regrets that he could not express, his greatest longing was to have been able to remain a year or two longer so that the reforms for which he had striven might be carried out, even in part. He had striven against odds of which they knew nothing, a hint at the hopeless war office red-tapeism, and he asked that he must say farewell with so much undone, and so much to do.

But he was to be succeeded by one who would bring the weight of a great career and singular fitness for his duties (Lord Wolseley) no doubt the Army would soon feel to its uttermost unit the revivifying influence of this great soldier (it did, with a vengeance!) Lord Wolseley's route marches were more heartily cursed and did more actual good to the British Army than any regulation in twenty years.)

Slightly raising his hat, the Duke bowed to the battalion, while the men presented arms and gazed regretfully at the distinguished old soldier as he turned slowly away on the arm of Colonel Napier.

We pressmen had been taking notes under disadvantages of the war-correspondent order. There were, kneeling behind the rear rank of the Gordons, in the slush and mud, a wet plaid slapping into one's face at almost every line, the wind gusts carrying away the sounds of the precious words from the straining ears, and the drops from the edge of one's hat falling like tears of commiseration upon the pages of the notebook.

I could hear the Scotsman reporter swearing softly under his moustache next me, while on the other side the representative of Harnsworth's happened morning daily, the Glasgow Record, cursed with decency and distinction. Then the Herald and the Mail men further along the line were having a beautiful time trying to calm their unruly sheets. The Gordons, like good fellows, did their best to help us. The sergeant-major, a stickler for the strict thing on all occasions, his last words to me as he passed out on parade that afternoon were:

"Well, I've been through every rank, and if he (the Commander-in-Chief) can't do a better job of the level, I'll buy drinks for the crew."

Such pride in their charges do the sergeant-majors of that kind take. Fortunately the kind endeavors of the Gordons to oblige the press did not draw down upon them the reprimand of the Commander-in-Chief, who was astonished at the unexpected declaration of the Duke. By some means I became separated from my comrades of the press, and I was going on, and passing up the right rear of the square, whom should I encounter almost face to face but His Royal Highness, walking alone over toward the artillery barracks. Having received my early journalistic training in America, perhaps I was bolder than the ordinary Scots reporter; but however it was, in a moment I walked up to the Duke with a "pardon me, your Royal Highness, would you be so kind as to inform me whether I have reported you correctly" in saying that you recommended the remodeling of the British Army upon the German pattern? I am a representative of the Glasgow Herald, and wish to report your remarks accurately."

He turned his great, jolly, ruddy face full round upon me, and eyed me from top to toe, then laughed in a hearty way, replying:

"Quite right, my boy, quite right; that is exactly what I said; lifelong opinion, lifelong opinion."

"Then you, your Royal Highness," said I, and dashed off to catch a hansom to get my story into the office and upon the wires.

A comical thing to me was to observe the British soldiers, some of whom, I saw, non-coms, at seeing me, a press representative, daring to address royalty without first consulting them. Half a dozen of them made strides toward me, with, I believe, the intention of saying away from my lawful prey. But I am glad to say that a single glance from the old Duke seemed to paralyze those exceedingly officious fellows, and they stood still, with their hands on their hips, and stared at me with open mouths.

He looked as if he would like to run me into the guard house for my unconscionable and unheard-of impertinence in daring to compare notes with the Commander-in-Chief.

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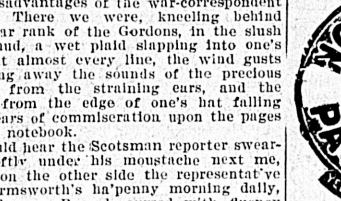
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The quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Society of British Columbia was held last night in the Pioneer hall, when a merry evening was spent with jolly songs and song, interspersed with speeches and a social gathering with occasional sips of liquid comforts and an odd smoke. Colonel Wolfenden, the president, handled the proceedings in the Yorkshire veteran style. Mr. J. Longley, in his usual cheerful manner presided at the piano.

After the usual loyal toast, "The King," had been honored and that of the Yorkshire Society proposed and suitably responded to, the following gentlemen took part in address, readings and songs: Messrs. Fred Richardson, W. F. Fullerton, Joseph Peterson, Charlesworth, Wm. J. Wrigglesworth, W. P. Winslow, E. Anderson, W. W. Blankenbach, H. S. Henderson, Percy Richardson, Mr. Macony and others.

At a somewhat late hour one of the most happy and enjoyable gatherings ever held in Victoria was brought to a close by singing "God Save the King." All were loth to disperse, but were encouraged in the hope of another meeting on the third Monday in June.

"I assure you, madame," said he, "that I would not be begging my board from door to door if I could procure employment at my profession."

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"I am an airship pilot, madam,"—"Tritons."

"Cheer up, dearest," she said to her weeping husband, "though I must leave you now, we will meet in the other world."

"Ah, yes," he replied, "but I know I'll have to wait on some corner over there till I get tired out and disengaged with the whole place."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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### THE WAR.

The news received yesterday from the seat of war is not important. The destruction of a Russian torpedo boat destroyer, by an unplaced mine, while entering Port Arthur, is a loss to the Russians of one of their most modern craft of that description. The despatch does not give any particulars as to whether the mine was one of those which are reported to have been laid by the Japanese with a view to prevent the larger Russian vessels from leaving the harbor, or whether it was one laid by the Russians as a defence of the port. Other reports from various sources indicate that the Russians are pushing forward troops and supplies as rapidly as possible, so that they will be prepared to meet the Japanese forces when the latter are ready to take the offensive. General Kouropatkin is travelling rapidly eastward to take the chief command, and is directing the preparations for active operations so that when he arrives at Mukden, which he expects to reach on March 26th, the disposition of his forces may be completed. The greatest precautions have been ordered to be taken at all posts to prevent surprises by the Japanese in night attacks. It is evident that the inclination to despise their enemy, which characterized the Russians at the commencement of hostilities, has disappeared and under General Kouropatkin we may expect to see the utmost watchfulness displayed and no precaution neglected. His retirement from the Ministry of War to take command of the actual operations in the field has been received with great satisfaction throughout the Empire, as he is regarded as the most capable of all the Russian generals.

From Shanghai—a place that during the occupation of Peking by the forces of the European Powers acquired an unenviable reputation as a centre from which false reports emanated—comes news that Russian residents there have received information that there is popular opposition in Japan to the proposed imposition of new taxes, and that the lack of money is said to be the cause of the delay in the transportation of troops to the mainland. There is, however, no confirmation from any other quarter of such a report, nor is there any reason to believe that it is true. As we showed a few days ago the immediately available financial resources of the Japanese Government are very considerable and it is scarcely credible that it would have entered on the contest had it not seen its way clear for the necessary funds, at least in the early part of the campaign. The manner in which other matters have been carried out, must lead anyone to believe that the clever and cautious men who are comprised in the Mikado's advisers have not been indifferent in regard to the provision of the necessary financial resources.

### THE ONTARIO PROHIBITION AGITATION.

Mr. Ross, the Premier of Ontario, is reported to have decided to force some action in regard to prohibition. It is stated, however, that he finds it impossible to secure anything like unanimity on the matter among his supporters in the Legislature. Two canutes on the question have been held and another, it is stated, will be held today. Failing prohibition, the Premier is stated to have proposed that the liquor traffic shall be made a government monopoly. That proposition, as might be supposed, meets with strenuous opposition from influential interests. It would, of course, if adopted, work great changes in the traffic and probably conduce to the spread of temperance. But it would necessarily seriously affect large interests or would require an immense sum to be provided from the Provincial Treasury to compensate those whose business would be destroyed. It is not, however, probable that either prohibition or a government monopoly of the liquor traffic is within the range of practical action at the present time, whatever the course of events in the future may bring about. If the Legislature agrees to any change at all in the present methods it will probably be in the restriction and greater Government control of the traffic. Higher license fees, fewer hotels and saloons licensed to sell liquor and more stringent regulations for the conduct of the traffic are the most likely result, if there are any at all, of the agitation and Mr. Ross' endeavors to fulfil the pledges which he has made to the temperance people.

In Ontario, as in other parts of Canada, no drastic measures can be carried for the suppression or more strict regulation of the traffic until public opinion has become generally favorable to such a course. We are inclined to think that public sentiment on the question is more advanced and decided there than in any of the other provinces. But we doubt very much whether even in Ontario either of the proposals alleged to have been made by Mr. Ross will be likely to receive such popular support as would be requisite in order to enable either of them to be put into operation. The result of the vote in Toronto and other places in the Province at the plebiscite is given as a proof of the growth of public opinion in favor of prohibition. But it has been shown there were other causes, some political, that had much to do with the result of the vote and that it cannot be taken as an accurate indication of popular sentiment on the issue that was submitted to the electorate. At the same time the course of events in regard to this question in Ontario will be watched with interest in the other provinces and there can be little doubt that the adoption of radical changes there would have no unimportant influence in other parts of the Dominion.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT.

The Agent-General in London is pursuing a course calculated to be in the interests of the Province in directing attention to the capabilities of British Columbia for fruit raising. In the United Kingdom there is a very general idea that there is little scope in this Province for agricultural pursuits of any kind. Manitoba and the Northwest Territories have been so extensively advertised throughout Europe as the country to which farmers and others who desire to make homes for themselves and become owners instead of tenants, should go, that the possibilities in British Columbia have not become known. Yet for a certain class this Province offers opportunities which can be found nowhere else in Canada. Small fruit farms in our healthy and temperate climate will provide both pleasant homes and an occupation that will provide a livelihood under agreeable conditions. As Mr. Turner states in his letter to the London Canadian Gazette, the experimental stage in fruit raising in British Columbia has been passed, and it has now become a regular and remunerative business. The progress made in the last few years has been very great, but there is a market for much more than is raised at the present time. With the large influx of population into the Northwest Territories, it is difficult to place any limits to the demand for our fruit, while the home market is also steadily growing. Now that the holders of large areas of land in the interior are subdividing their properties into small tracts, we may expect to see a considerable development in fruit culture and a corresponding increase in the numbers of a most desirable class of settlers.

The death of the Duke of Cambridge removes the last of the generation of the Royal House that was contemporaneous with the late Queen Victoria. Few men are spared to take an active part in public affairs or to hold office for such a long period as the Duke of Cambridge did. Until the last few months he continued to show his interest in social affairs and in the many charitable and other institutions with which his name had been associated for more than a generation. Becoming commander-in-chief in 1856 at the close of the Crimean War, a position which he retained until 1895, he formed a link between the military conditions that existed in the time of the Duke of Wellington with the new ones that prevail today. During the nearly forty years that he was at the Horse Guards he witnessed changes in nearly every branch and detail of the service, some of them, such as Lord Cardwell's reforms, that he may not entirely have approved. To the last the Duke of Cambridge enjoyed great popularity with all classes—civilian as well as military.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

#### SHIP'S STEWARD.

Sir,—In a communication over the name of W. J. Norfolk in your issue of March 15th, he maintains that a "steward" is not an officer, but a servant. Having served as an officer on steamships for about thirteen years in succession on some of the fastest ships, both on the Atlantic and the Pacific, I wish to state that a steward is considered an officer, and a rather important one at that, especially in case of fire or shipwreck, when he is in charge of life preservers, buoys, and such articles as are in the "Certificate of Inspection," where each officer is assigned to a post of duty. In the assigning of officers to a certain ship the steward is invariably included.

W. H. SMITH.

### PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Today this once great organ of public opinion is for the first time as a two-page newspaper. Our respectable patrons who have been constant readers of The Mirror for the past few years will understand the diminution, and agree with us that even in its present form the paper is too good for a village boy-cotters. The population of Ymir is 232 all told.—Ymir Mirror.

A magnificent banquet was tendered to Capt. Fitzsimmons and officers of the S. S. Victoria on Monday night last by citizens of Ferguson and Trout Lake at the Queen's Hotel. C. Murray occupied the chair, and on his right and left were the honored guests of the evening. After satisfying the inner man with good things provided by hosts Andrew and Noah Abrahamson, the toast list was taken up and amid songs and speeches and a "wee drap" Scotch, the party enjoyed themselves until the small hours of the morning.—Trout Lake Topics.

The civic authorities purpose grappling at once with the problem of truant children. The motive in inaugurating a campaign of this nature is twofold, first to improve the status of children of school age in respect to education, second to bring up the average of daily attendance at the public schools to a point where the city can reap the fullest possible advantage from the per capita grant allowed by the government. If citizens actually understood the situation and grasped the concrete reason for forcing regularly in the attendance of children at schools there would be no difficulty on the part of the city. That children are better off for attending school regularly will go without argument. But it is not generally known that the cost of the brick was shipped to the United States mint at Helena, Montana, from which the exact returns will be received in a few days. The cost of milling and tramming is estimated by a good authority to be about one ton for every ton of ore. To improve the per ton for milling, making a total cost of \$2.40 for every ton of rock treated. After deducting the cost of treatment, on the foregoing basis, a profit of \$1.016 is left by the mill. The result of the cleanup is very satisfactory from the management's standpoint, and from Camborne's view is another feather in our cap.—Camborne Miner.

A smelter at Hedley would be a great

convenience as well as a decided benefit to the country at large, but the question of procuring a site seems to be a bone of contention that threatens to drive the smelter into the ever-outstretched arms of Uncle Sam. It seems strange that a question of such vital importance to the country should be capable of a narrow and selfish interpretation so as to cripple, hamper or endanger the mining industry in the Similkameen.—Similkameen Star.

During the latter part of this winter the government wagon roads in, and around Phoenix have been in the worst condition known for years, owing to the excess of snow and the continual bad drifting. On one occasion the Phoenix-Greenwood stage overturned and about passengers were dumped into the snow, including two women and two children. The Grand Forks-Phoenix-Greenwood stage has had the hardest possible time in making connections, and has had mishaps several times, though none seriously. A number of times loaded teams have overturned, and last Sunday three teams of P. Burns & Co., with heavy loads of beef on the way to Greenwood, were upset just below the city.—Phoenix Pioneer.

### DISTRICT CANDIDATE FOR DOMINION PARLIAMENT IN OCHILLWACK.

(Chilliwack Progress.)

J. D. Taylor, who was recently nominated candidate for the House of Commons at Ochillwack, paid this town a visit on Saturday evening. Leslie Coote, President of the local Liberal-Conservative Club, met the visitor at the landing and accompanied him to the Harrison House. Later in the evening Mr. Taylor addressed his hearers at the club rooms, where he was cordially received by the members. President Coote, in introducing Mr. Taylor, remarked that he understood him to be no orator, but a man of facts and figures. This latter assertion is certainly a true one, and to all appearances Mr. Taylor could drive home statements, if required, in a way that his audience would not mista for the sincerity and truthfulness they contained. His address on the political situation was brief and to the point, covering in a very short time, all the principal features of the Dominion scene. As this paper has always held aloof from politics in general, we refrain from commenting favorably or otherwise, on his ideas; still we cannot allow this opportunity to pass without congratulating the Conservative Club on the selection of a candidate, and hope that whoever takes the seat, the best interests of the country will be first and foremost.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO ?

Were there no footprints left upon the floor,  
No marks of little feet that patter through,  
With careless step, and slyly opened door—  
Feet laden and besmeared with dust and dew—  
Should these return no more to trouble you,  
The restless little child all restless grown,  
If there were left you but an empty shoe—  
And you alone—  
What would you do ?  
Were there no childish griefs to sooth away,  
No teasing, no incessant shouts of glee,  
No littered rooms, no boisterous, noisy play  
To try your nerves and vex you constantly,  
If these could be removed and you should be  
Enthralled in quietude—those voices gone,  
The echo lapsed into eternity,  
And you alone—  
What would you do ?  
Were there no more of ever watchful cares,  
No more anxieties and thoughts that speak  
Of subtle danger's lurking unawares  
Around those deditings innocent and weak,  
If these were gone and you once more should feel  
No chubbly hand pressed warm against your cheek,  
Or find no sleeping baby by which to kneel,  
What would you do ?  
—Floyd D. Raze in Every Where.

### MEN AND THINGS.

All the American colony in London and her English friends are sympathizing deeply with Lady Blaine, whose husband, Sir Seymour Blaine, Baronet, has just been made bankrupt. Lady Blaine was until last year, the widow of Henry Blake of Boston. Her friends in Europe were delighted when she established a home for herself in London several years ago by taking a charming house in Hans place which, however, she gave up on her marriage to Sir Seymour. They have been traveling about on the Continent almost the whole time since. The proceedings against Sir Seymour were brought about by a small creditor. The Baronet has brought himself to this pass through careless good nature in backing other people's bills. He was a distinguished soldier who served in the Crimean and Mutiny campaigns, and has been military secretary and aid de camp to several distinguished men, retiring from the army with a pension of only \$2,500 a year. Sir Seymour has next to no private means, and is a necessity with every officer in the British army, as Blamefield Castle in Ayrshire, which is his family seat, although very picturesque, is not an income producing estate. The first Baronet of his line was Sir Gilbert Blaine, one of the Physicians in Ordinary to King George III. Sir Seymour, although 70 years of age, had never been married before last year, so that his heir presumptive is still his nephew.

Judge Noah K. Freeman, of Winamac, Ind., who has passed his 80th milestone, is one of the oldest and most distinguished justices of the peace in northern Indiana. He was elected in 1870 and has held office to the present time. He has married 2,000 couples.

The pay of a Russian soldier is one cent a day, which is supposed to meet all his expenditures for tobacco, spirits and luxuries of every kind.

Port Arthur and Chinnai are in the same latitude.

A vessel drawing 10 feet rises two inches in passing from fresh water to salt.

An electrical bootblack, which is more rapid and effective than the street Arab, is in use in Chicago.

When a Londoner describes himself as a "housebreaker" he means that his business is to demolish buildings.

Sneezing has been said by at least one great medical authority to be evidence of a robust constitution. In proof of this he declares that people in feeble health never do sneeze.

Egyptian fishermen receive \$20 per thousand for eels caught in the Nile. These are salted and packed in ice and sent to Hamburg, via Trieste, where the ice supply is renewed.

Wages in the United States on the average are more than twice those in Belgium, three times those of Denmark, France, Germany, Italy and Spain, and one and a half time those in England and Scotland.

London claims during the past year to have had fewer murders and fewer burglaries than in previous years. There has been no case of murder in which there was failure to bring the perpetrator to book.

The British workmen have managed to put away a goodly little nest egg. A friendly, building, co-operative and trade union societies and savings banks. The records show that 27,580,000 of them have \$1,814,000,000 in such savings.

The poisonous nicotine in tobacco is removed by steeping the leaves in a solution of tannic acid. This is the method estimated by a good authority to be about one ton for every ton of ore. To improve the favor of the tobacco it is then treated with a decoction of marjoram.

Tulare Lake, in California, once navigable by steamers, is now a dry lake. A man on foot can cross it safely at any point, and in some places the ground is hard enough for a team to drive over. The cause of the dry condition is the draining of Kern and Kings rivers of their water by irrigation canals.

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### RAILWAY MATTERS.

In 1904 \$300,000,000 bonds of the Harriman railway system will mature, and financial men have taken up for serious consideration the problem of uniting the funded debt of the system. So intricate are the finances of the Southern Pacific owing to the diversity of its holdings that it has been doubted whether any effective plan for consolidating the debt of the various companies embraced in the Harriman system can be arranged. The men who have the task in hand believe it can be accomplished without altering the character of the Southern Pacific holdings. Harriman, who now dominates the union Pacific, the Southern Pacific, the Central Pacific and indirectly some twenty smaller corporations, has become a power in the railway world in a few years. Like J. J. Hill he made money by a successful coup and had the sagacity that enables some men to hold on to what comes to them by chance and add to it. He is the son of a country parson in New Jersey. In a recent stock deal Harriman realized four million dollars and put his great competitor, Keene, out of business by the heavy losses he caused him to incur. The deal came about in this way: Southern Pacific stock was down to 45. Harriman agreed with Keene to corner a majority of the shares and force the stock up to 100. When the price reached 70 Harriman sold out and Keene was nearly ruined by the rapid decline in values that followed. The decision of the United States Supreme court, that the merging of the interests of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific interests is illegal, is a serious blow to Morgan and Hill, and will involve both corporations in heavy expense as well as upsetting their scheme for the control of the carrying trade of the Northwest Pacific States. The C. P. R. Company are pushing ahead their great irrigation proposition for the redemption of the lands of the northwest and have voted \$3,000,000 towards the object.

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Leslie W. Hulbert, formerly of the district attorney's office of New York and Dr. C. R. Harle, a physician of El Paso, Texas, will be shot some day next week at Chihuahua, Mexico, for many murders committed by means of slow poison. With their death the New York Life Insurance Company will conclude the final chapter of one of the most sensational life insurance swindles in the history of the United States of America. While these men were charged with but two specific murders, they have admitted to seven and have confessed that they effected insurance fraudulently on a score of persons.

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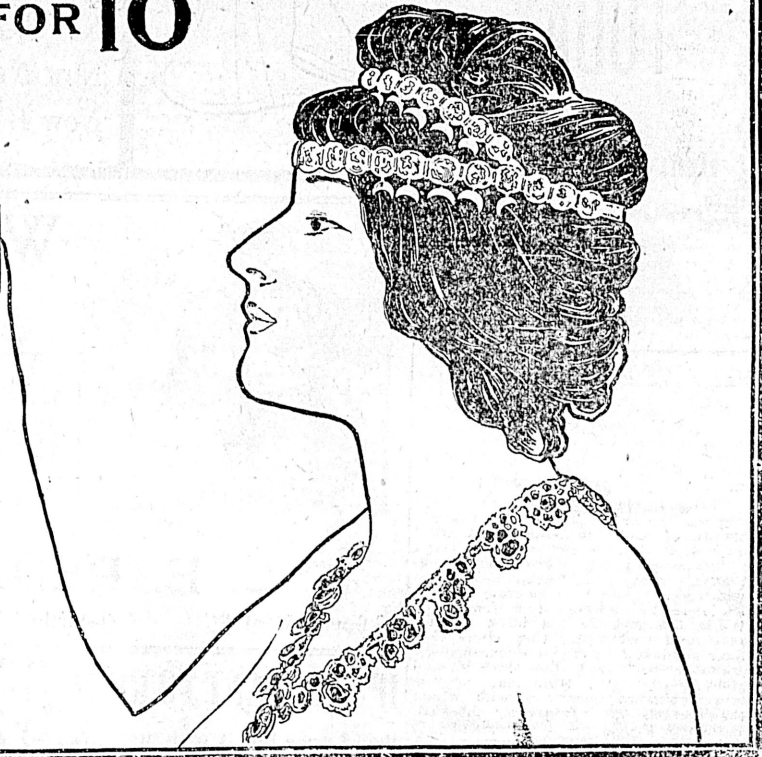
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## CHINAMAN CAUGHT STEALING SOLDER

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Jail.

Mr. Henry Murray, the local manager of the Steveston cannery, came over to visit the cannery in this city, Mr. Parker of Gorge road, and his associates and told a reporter the following facts concerning an attempted robbery of solder at the cannery last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Murray has occasion to go to the cannery building, and happened to see a pair of Chinese boys disappearing through a trap door in the ceiling of one of the rooms. Knowing that no Chinaman had any business in the building at the time, Mr. Murray slipped out and got Chief of Police Murchison and two or three others and they all the exits from the building could be watched. Meanwhile the chief and Mr. Murray entered the building, and after a good search, found the Chinaman in the solder room, which was locked and the key in the possession of Mr. Murray. He was calmly appropriating bucketsful of solder, which, at the present market price, is worth twenty cents a pound. He had already thrown out onto the mud ninety pounds, and had sixty pounds more when caught red-handed. The chief handcuffed him and locked him up in the jail. The jailer, Godfrey McLean, was not until about 2 a.m. Monday morning, and then laid down to have a sleep himself. Whether he did or not the fact remains that the prisoner pulled the iron bars out of the sockets over the guard window in his cell and made his escape, taking with him a very good pair of blankets which the worthy jailer had lent him for a covering.

The escape was not discovered until daylight on Monday, and the chief went off at once in a buggy and traced him as far as Granville street bridge at Vancouver. He then returned to Steveston to find out, if possible, where he usually put up at the Terminal City.

Before the chief left on his quest after the escaped prisoner, he searched his trunk after being told by his landlady that he was carrying solder. "I guess so," said the chief, "and I see he has taken the trouble to relieve me of my saw set," as he mentioned the article in question from the trunk. The Chinaman only arrived from Vancouver on the day before he committed the robbery, and it is thought that he must at one time or another have worked for the cannery company to be so conversant with the solder room. It was considered a clever capture on Sunday, as a great deal of solder is stolen annually, and it is a means of causing very serious loss to the cannery companies, and the police authorities felt very sore when the escape became known.

The Chinaman has just served a term for theft and his identity has been fully established, so it is hoped that he will be easily recaptured.

## A HORSE CHESTNUT.

Miss Gladys Deacon, an American girl, amazed a scientist whom she met recently at a London dinner party. The scientist narrated in great detail to the girl a series of experiments he was conducting with the microphone. "Magnifies objects to the eye," the footfalls of a centipede heard through the microphone resemble a tattoo on a kettledrum. The dropping of a pin is like the report of a cannon.

"That is very interesting and odd," said Miss Deacon. "This afternoon," resumed the scientist, "I caught a fly and studied its note. The note resembled the neighing of a horse."

"Perhaps," said the young girl, "it was a horsefly."

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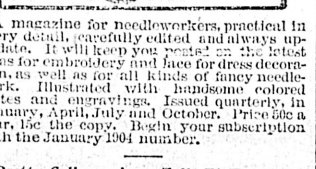
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## SPORTS

### WRESTLING.

The Big Event This Evening.  
When Tom Davis met Chief Two Feathers at Nanaimo some time since, he had a saving clause to the articles to the effect that if he threw the Indian he won the match, although the match was the Indian was to throw him three times in sixty minutes wrestling. Tonight there will be no saving clause and either the public will see the full 90 minutes wrestling or Tom Davis will be thrown three times. Davis says that anybody who can do that is a good man, and can't doubt it, considering what Davis has done recently.

The preliminaries for tonight's entertainment have been fully arranged. The first bout will be between Green and Reese, of H. M. S. Flora, who will wrestle, both two out of three, for a purse. Charlie Weir, worth and Melville will give an exhibition of wrestling, after which the main event will be brought off.

Either Duncan McMillan or Charlie Wrightworth will act as referee, and C. L. Cullin will be asked to hold the watch. A splendid evening's entertainment is promised, and it is expected that the bouts will be witnessed by a large crowd.

### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Garrison 2nd XI, Defeats Egeria.  
The Garrison second eleven defeated the Egeria by 3 goals to 2 after a splendid game yesterday afternoon.

At half time the score was 2 goals to nil in favor of the soldiers, but the soldiers, looking daunted, put up some grand play during the second period and managed to turn out as stated.

Weston, Ford and Lewis were in line for the Barriacks, while the two right wing forwards of the Egeria eleven played splendidly.

Sergt. Paley gave entire satisfaction as referee.

Columbus vs. Victoria.

Once more and for the last time this season, the above mentioned clubs will face each other at the Caedonia grounds next Saturday afternoon.

This will be the last match in the Provincial League, with the exception of one to be played in Victoria and is being looked forward to by the followers of each of the respective clubs, and also of great importance as it affects the standing of the clubs to such an extent that either a win or loss will either give them the chance of going to Nanaimo to play for the much coveted cup or throw them entirely out of the race for the majority of points.

The two teams will practically line up the same as they did two weeks ago, when as everybody knows, the result was a draw, 2-2.

Second Round English Cup Results.  
Woodville Arsenal, 25-000..... 4,250  
Bury, 23,190..... 4,400  
Derby, 17,833..... 4,100  
Sheffield, 22,651..... 3,750  
Preston, 15,000..... 2,280  
Blackburn, 10,000..... 1,570

At the annual meeting of the Argonauts the other night, the secretary-treasurer's report showed a balance of \$101. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, P. Galt; president, Robert McKay; vice-president, A. Claude MacDonald; captain, R. K. Barker; coach, F. H. Thompson; vice-captain, W. B. Wadsworth; honorary secretary, James G. Merriek; secretary-treasurer, A. Bedford Jones; committee, O. Heron, C. E. A. Goodman, E. W. Hamber, G. P. Roffenstein, W. M. Forrest, J. N. MacKenzie, R. G. Muniz, Percy Hardisty.

The Winnipeg Rowing Club have now definitely decided to send an eight-oared crew to Henley this summer. They had first intended sending their four who last year won the championship of America.

The Gates of the Games.  
Tottenham Hotspur, 31,500..... \$11,620  
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World's Record Beaten by Youth.  
Sydney, N. S. W., March 13.—A youth named Kolran, aged 16 years, swam half a mile in 11 minutes and 29 4-5 seconds, which beats the world's record.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.  
Victoria vs. Flora.  
The Victoria Rugby players are still of

"Rad" Hunt, who rowed last year in the championship crew of the Argonauts, is now a resident of Winnipeg, and "Tom" Hamber of the same crew, is also expected to join in with the Winnipeg.

### THE RING.

Gardner Gets Decision.

Chicago, March 17.—Jimmy Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., outclassed Mike Ward, of Saratoga, Ont., in their contest here tonight, and after six rounds of one-sided fighting, was given the decision.

Fighters Arrested.

Chicago, March 17.—Prize fighters Bennie Younger and Aurelio Herrera figured in a fierce six-round bout at the American Club Monday evening, and were arrested. Edwin White, matchmaker of the club, was also arrested. The men are charged with violating the state laws pertaining to boxing exhibitions.

### RITHEIT & CO.'S REPORT.

Last Month Was Rather a Quiet One in Freight.

In their regular monthly report, just issued, for February, Messrs. R. P. Ritheit & Co. say:

There has been very little movement in the grain freight market during the past month. Recent fixtures indicate 14s. to 15s. to be the rate ruling, which shows an improvement over the nominal rates quoted at the opening of the month. For the new crop loading over the market is without response at 20s. Lumber freights show a slight up-

ward tendency in the Australian voy-

ages, otherwise are firm but quiet. We quote freights as follows:

Grain—San Francisco to Cork, f. o. b., 14s. to 15s.; Portland to Cork, f. o. b., 20s.; Victoria and Seattle to Cork, 25s.

London—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 30s.; British Columbia or Puget Sound to Melbourne or Adelaide, 32s. 6d. to 33s. 9d.; British Columbia or Puget Sound to Port Phillip, 32s. 6d. to 33s. 9d.; British Columbia or Puget Sound to Fremantle, 32s. 6d. to 33s. 9d.; British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 30s.; British Columbia or Puget Sound to Melbourne or Adelaide, 32s. 6d. to 33s. 9d.; British Columbia or Puget Sound to Port Phillip, 32s. 6d. to 33s. 9d.; British Columbia or Puget Sound to Fremantle, 32s. 6d. to 33s. 9d.

As for the shaft itself, Mr. Russell, the company's superintendent, expects that it will be down to the coal in six weeks' time, and judging from appearances, most of the surface buildings and machinery will be within measurable distance of completion by that time.

In the matter of the bank arrangements it is proposed to put up a unique heapstead, there will be no railway to convey the coal to the ship. They will go direct from the screens to the hold of the steamer. In case, however, that a steamer should not always be available, bunkers with a capacity of 3,000 tons are being built, and the coal will be dumped into them. Then when the ship does arrive, the coal will be delivered into the ship from the bunkers and the screens simultaneously, which will assure the most expeditious despatch of the coal.

All the machinery is to be of the very best, including all the latest inventions and labor saving appliances. Part of it has already arrived and the large boilers manufactured by the Albion Iron Works for the shaft head, will be brought up in a few days. When completed the mine will be in full of mechanical equipment, compare with any colliery in the world, and as it will give employment to more men it may be expected to add considerably to the prosperity of Nanaimo.

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